



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

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DATE/EVENTS

UP COMING DATES

Homework Centre Mondays
3.30pm to 5.00pm Weeks A & B
and Thursdays Week A ONLY

Senior Study Evening 7.00pm to
9.00pm Wednesdays

Monday 15th August - Year 12
Trial HSC Exams begin

Friday 26th August - HSC Pre-
liminary Industry Study in Dub-
bo

Monday 29th August - Literacy
& Numeracy Week

Thursday 1st September - SRC
Disco

Friday 2nd September - Middle
School

Monday 5th September - AECG
Meeting

Monday 5th September - P&C
Meeting 5.45pm

Tuesday 6th - Wednesday 7th
September Ag Vision Excursion
to Junee

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Congratulations to the three Nyngan High School students, Hamish, Joel and Brigitte who completed their Shearing Course at Dubbo TAFE.

Images above of them in action !!

Principals Report

Dear School Community,

I sincerely hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing mid-term break. The past fortnight at Nyngan HS has bridged our term and saw our school take a minor break from the helter-skelter activities we threw ourselves into, in the first four weeks of the term.

In the coming weeks many students will be moving forward in their schooling life. Year 12 will begin planning their end of year celebrations; Year 11 will be preparing for the Preliminary HSC exams; and Years 10, 9 & 8 will begin to hear about the courses they have received for 2017. These are exciting times at the school and especially for families of our soon-to-be graduating students.

Pride in Your Work

During the past weeks and months we have witnessed many opportunities where students have had an opportunity to show pride in their work. Occasions such as the Arts In The Dark evening, sporting fixtures for the school, performing at a formal assembly, marching on ANZAC day and dancing at NAIDOC week are all fine examples. This week our Positive Education Program conducted workshops focussing on how students can be humble but also show PRIDE in themselves and things they do.

I was humbled recently when one of our students presented me with some traditional art, of which he was extremely proud. Malik along with our SLSSO Troy handmade and decorated some clapping sticks and asked me to place them on display, on the desk in my office. It was amazing to see the pride Malik showed in his hard-work and I was very moved by his generous gift.

Thank you Malik!



Trial HSC Exams

Year 12 students have been undertaking their last major exams before the Higher School Certificate examinations during the past fortnight. This can be a very stressful time for students and families; however, it appeared as though most students demonstrated a quiet confidence as they entered the gym for each exam.

The commitment demonstrated by our students has been outstanding and I wish to commend the group on their application and dedication. A huge pat on the back also for parents who would no doubt be so encouraging and supportive at home during this time. Well done to Ms Hughan for her organisation of the exams and her student group.

I hope all of our students achieve worthy results from their exams. In the coming weeks you will have opportunities to celebrate school life but I must stress that *before the fun you must FOCUS*.

I would like you to remember a little mantra I use:



Year 11 Crossroads Camp

Our Year 11 cohort, along with their Year Adviser Ms Rixon and also Mr Dal Forno, has been away during Week 6 at the Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp. They have been undertaking the Crossroads course which is a mandatory component in the senior school years, focusing on social and emotional development.

Whilst completing challenging physical activities which require teamwork, dedication and focus, students also take part in workshops which are extremely important educational sessions. These sessions focus on adolescent issues such as risk-taking behaviours, sexuality and inclusiveness in society, decision making, the dangers of drug taking and driver education. All of the sessions are designed to ensure students work collaboratively, developing a bond and respect for each other as they complete tasks which are most often unachievable as an individual. These few days are an important step in developing self-awareness and skills for helping yourself and others in life.

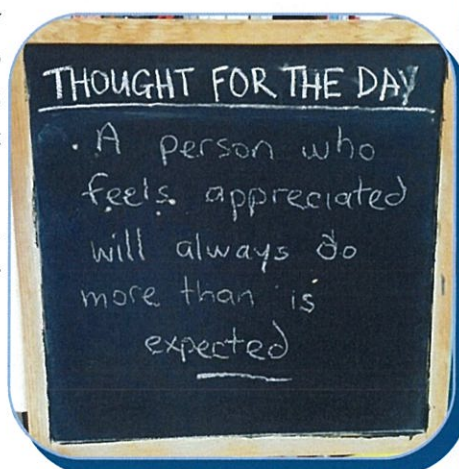
I was extremely proud to see first-hand how engaged and happy our students were when I visited on Wednesday morning. There was an air of positivity and collegiality, with the teachers telling me in-depth how funny their first night was and how well our students were doing. It was also very satisfying to be told by the camp instructors that Nyngan High School kids are the cream of the crop!

Well done to our Year 11 students, Ms Rixon and Mr Dal Forno. You are all legends in my book.

Recently I saw a board outside a shop, which had a message written that I strongly connected with. If I strive for one thing in life now, it is to show the people close to me I appreciate them for their effort, friendship and for helping me. This includes the great teachers I am lucky enough to work with and the great students we have at Nyngan High.

If you ever wonder why I seem strangely upbeat or I have thrown some weird compliments at you, it is because I just really appreciate something you have done for me.

Have a great fortnight!



Michael Gibson
Principal

Deputy Principal Report

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, Nyngan High School like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form for parents/carers for the survey is in this newsletter. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 26th August**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help Nyngan High School understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Parents can log in at the following website address: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/z668j>

The contact person for these surveys is Mrs Murray. Please contact her if you have any questions.

Melanie Murray
Deputy Principal

Tell Them From Me - Student Feedback Survey Non-Consent Form

If you **DO NOT WANT** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the front office by Friday 26th August, 2016.

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Name of Student/s

Year/s

Name of Parent/Carer

Signature of Parent/Carer Date

Maths/CAPA Newsletter

During the last two weeks the Mathematics/CAPA staff have been involved in many activities and so have our students at Nyn-gan High School:

- ◆ NAIDOC Week – Miss Horne created the rap room and Miss Hughan led the boomerang decorating.
- ◆ Year 12 Trial HSC exams – Miss Horne, Miss Hughan, Mrs Murray and Mrs Buchanan are marking the exams for Music, Visual Arts, Photography, Mathematics General 2 and Mathematics. The students will be given valuable feedback on how they can make improvements for the HSC exams.
- ◆ ICAS Mathematics assessment was sat by Stage 4, Year 9 and Year 10 Enrichment. The assessments have been sent off and we will receive the results later in 2016.
- ◆ Miss Horne and Mr Lennon participated in an adobe connect module on selecting evidence and writing annotations for accreditation at the proficient level.
- ◆ Melanie Bodycott, Jessica Hall and Moisha and Stanley Lord have attended Moorambilla workshops in Baradine and Sydney.
- ◆ Emerson Alderson and Jarrod Blake have performed for the HSC markers in Dance and Kasey Douglas and Petria Quarmby were their performers for core composition. Miss Stafford was very excited and proud about the preparation and diligence her dancers have demonstrated.
- ◆ Ronny Gibbs – Mr Lennon was the super coach of the 14A Rugby League side who were runners up at Ronny Gibbs.

Next week is Literacy and Numeracy Week and this will be celebrated with activities occurring around our school. The week will start off with students estimating how many lollies are in the jar and conclude with an orienteering activity on Friday. Make sure your phone is still charged at lunchtime as you will need a compass!

The problem from last week was solved by many people, including Stage 5 Achievement and Year 9. The answer was 47. I also need to apologise to Mr Matheson as he was also one of the people who solved the matchstick problem from the previous fortnight and I forgot to mention his name!!!

Now the problem for this week is:

**I am 8 years old now and my father is 41 years old.
After how many years will my father's age be twice my age?**

I also forgot a joke last week and it was sorely missed by Miss Rixon in particular, so here goes...

Teacher: What is seven Q plus three Q?"

Student: Ten Q"

Teacher: You're Welcome."

Tanya Buchanan

Maths/CAPA

Tongling Update

The Tongling Delegation were very busy over the Mid-Term Break.

- ◆ On Friday we held a cake stall and it was a big success as we raised \$732, including the raffle. Thank you to everyone who donated goods along with everyone who came down and supported us.
- ◆ On Sunday we worked in the canteen at the Senior Rugby League selling hot chips and drinks. Thank you to the Nyngan Tigers for making a generous donation to our trip
- ◆ On Monday the Bogan Shire Council donated some old water meters to be stripped. With the brass from the water meters we can now sell it to raise more funds. A big thank you to Brittany for coming along to help with the water meters, it made it a lot quicker
- ◆ A big thank you to Miss Scott's friends for donating about \$500 for our trip

Another thank you to Pat and Veronica Bourke who donated a steer which was sold through the saleyards at Dubbo recently and stock and station agents Carter, Lindsay and Weber donated all fees. The steer was sold for \$1387. We have a major raffle happening at the moment with the total of eleven prizes. If you happen to see us around selling tickets we would be very grateful for your donations. Thank you to everyone who has donated and supported us through our fundraising efforts so far. We are very close to reaching our target.

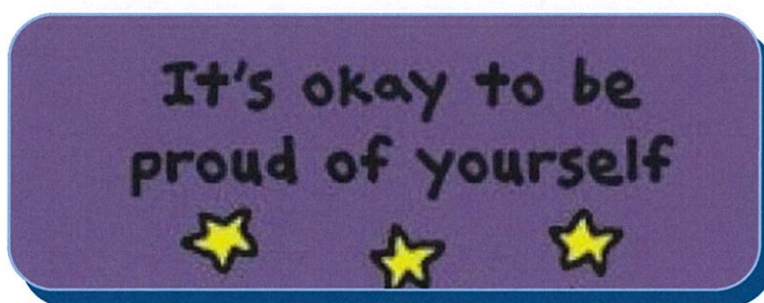
Petria Quarmby

Positive Education News

This week Mrs Murray and Mrs Bush will present our Positive Education Initiative to the Lachlan Secondary Principal's conference. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the wonderful things our school is doing for the wellbeing of both our students and staff. We are sure it will be well received and we hope to help other schools on their Positive Education journey.

This term's focus is Positive Emotions and Wednesday's workshop focused on Pride. [Pride](#) can have both negative and positive sides. The more positive form of pride is typified by the pride in one's work or one's team. It is a 'purer' form of pride as it is intrinsically felt and is not negative about other people. This comes from feeling dignified and important in what we do or have accomplished. It's not about having an overwhelming sense of self-satisfaction, but having accomplished something that is socially valued and feeling proud about this. It may come along from a sense of purpose and meaning in our accomplishments, and offers an increase in confidence to expand the belief in our potential to do greater things.

What are you proud of this Week? Month? Year?



Last week Year 7 participated in anti-bullying workshops to ensure they know the severity of bullying. They were also reminded of our anti-bullying strategy. Students role played how to use our policy of Stop, Walk, Talk, Report and were mentored in this process by older students. We hope the students will utilise this process and stamp out some of the niggly issues that can turn into major problems if not rectified. Thanks to Miss Scott, Mr Milligan and Mr Walsh for their work with the Year 7 students.

Until next fortnight, do something you can be proud of.

Angie Bush

Positive Education Team Leader

English/HSIE News

It's been a busy few weeks in English the past fortnight with Mrs Bush as acting Deputy Principal, Ms Rixon getting ready for Year 11 Burrendong excursion, Mr Miles putting his GoMAD sustainability project in to practice, Ms McVey getting ready for School Spectacular and Ms Scott getting her HSC Drama major works in to the Board of Studies.

Ms Rixon is currently away with all of Year 11 at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreational Centre completing the mandatory Crossroads program. This program is aimed to teach students heading into their senior year of study about making safe choices and building positive relationships. They engage in a number of team building and outdoor activities in order to help the cohort work together in the lead up to their HSC.

Mr Miles and his GoMAD team, along with the help of a few of his classes have painted a number of new bins to be placed around the school, working with the slogan, RED, BLUE, GREEN, KEEP THE SCHOOL CLEAN! This waste management system was designed and implemented by the students in order to sort general rubbish from green waste and recyclables and aims to make Nyngan High School more sustainable and teach the future generations the importance of correct waste management.

Ms McVey has been busily preparing for the Schools Spectacular excursion in Term 4, where she will take the Aboriginal Dance Ensemble to represent Nyngan High School in Sydney. The Schools Spectacular is a massive event which showcases some of the most talented students in the state. It is a huge honour that Nyngan High School are able to go and showcase our Aboriginal culture in such a highly valued and large scale public forum.

Ms Scott has been busy getting her Year 12 Drama students prepared to hand in their major works to the Board of Studies. Projects were due on Monday the 22nd of August and included three lots of costumes designs and two scripts. Being the first time Nyngan High has had Drama as an HSC subject this is all very new, however the students worked hard and produced quality projects and all have been sent away for marking. Well done, Year 12. We now eagerly await the HSC markers to complete the practical component next week on August 31st.



Ronny Gibbs

Congratulations to the students who competed at the 2016 Ronny Gibbs Carnival in Bourke on 17th August. The four netball teams (all under 14's and the two opens) all played very well in their games against Gilgandra, Cobar and Nyngan. Thank you to Rachael King and Lily Smith for umpiring on the day.

The footballers did well with the opens side winning the day. The last time we won was in 2010. Congratulations to Thomas Waterhouse who was named Best and Fairest. Thank you to the wonderful parents who travelled to Bourke to support our teams - Warren & Michelle Blake, Stephanie & Trevor Waterhouse & Brendan Smith. To Mrs Smith, Ms Bird and Mr Lennon for their great support on the day. A huge thank you to Mr Dal Forno for his work in organising the day. There is so much to get ready before leaving and still a great deal to do afterwards as well.

We look forward to attending again in 2017.

Noelene Walsh

TAS/PDHPE/Careers

Images from Ronny Gibbs Carnival 2016



Wow ! - you still get a birthday cake even when you are competing at Ronny Gibbs



TAS/PDHPE

A reminder Year 10 Work Experience forms are due in by the end of the term.

Congratulations to Mr Charters for all his assistance in helping Mitchell Wake and Stanley Lord complete their major works. Well done boys.

I again encourage parents and students to go on to the jobjump site. I would also appreciate your feedback.

As Year 12 are completing their exams they also need to look at preparation for their future. I have been working extensively with Year 12 students and encourage parents to ring me or email me with any questions they may have. While Year 12 leave at the end of Term 3, I am still available to support them through Term 4 or in 2017 should they need assistance.

Next week I will be seeing Year 10/11 students about an opportunity to visit CSU Bathurst in November that has just been offered to Nyngan High.

Also happening next week we have the Happiness Mission visiting as a result of a School to Work Funding grant I was successful in obtaining. A flyer will be sent home on Friday about it.

Regards

Noelene Walsh
TAS/PDHPE/Careers

SRC Disco

It's time to let your hair down (lucky you) and come along to the SRC Disco on Thursday 1st September , 2016 . The activities start at 5.30pm on the school oval with a game of touch footy followed by everyone going to the gym from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Our DJ for the evening is Jack Ryan who will supply the awesome music and the SRC Year 10 girls will have plenty of fun activities organised including limbo!

We will be selling drinks, chocolates, chips and glow-sticks and giving out prizes throughout the night.

At 8.00pm students will be allowed to go home under the supervision of their parent/carer.

We would love to see big numbers so come along, get talking and bring your friends.

♦ *Please see attached SRC Disco Poster.*

Regards

Michael Walsh



SRC disco

Thursday 1st Sep

5.30-6pm Outdoor activities

6-8pm (FREE entry)

S.R.C will be running a canteen on
the night that will sell chips, drinks,
and chocolates

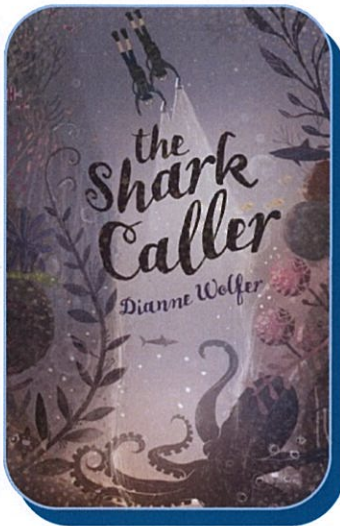
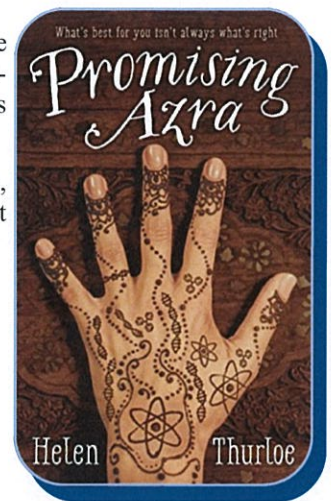
Looking for something new to get your teeth into during DEAR or English?

Come and check out these fabulous new books in the Library.

Azra is sixteen, smart and knows how to get what she wants. She thinks. When she wins a place in a national science competition, she thinks her biggest problem is getting her parents' permission to go. But she doesn't know they're busy arranging her marriage to an older cousin she's never met. In Pakistan. In just three months' time.

Azra always thought she'd finish high school with her friends and then go on to study science, but now her dreams of university are suddenly overshadowed. Can she find a way to do what she wants, while keeping her parents happy?

Or does being a good daughter mean sacrificing her freedom?



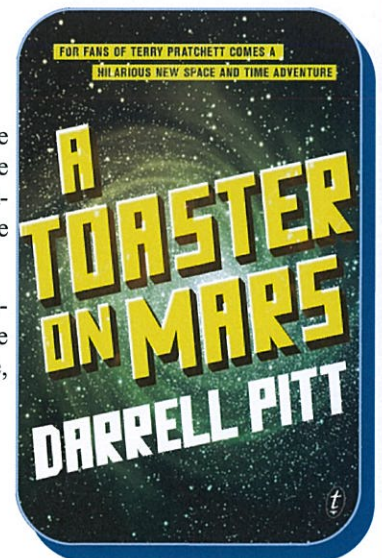
Isabel is on a plane heading back to her island birthplace in Papua New Guinea. Izzy's twin brother, Ray, died in a freak diving accident and Izzy and her mum are taking his ashes home.

After they arrive Izzy realises things have changed. Logging threatens her community's way of life and sharks no longer answer the song of the shark callers. Izzy's cousin Noah explains that the clan needs someone to undertake a traditional diving ritual.

The person must be a twin from the shark calling lineage. The dive will be perilous. And Izzy is the last twin. Will she have the courage to attempt the dive?

Set in a post-apocalyptic world, A Toaster on Mars is part detective story and part science fiction. Blake Carter is a weather worn, traditional law enforcement agent modelled on the 1950s *film noir* detective. His arch nemesis, Bartholomew Badde, has returned and is threatening to destroy the world unless Blake delivers the Maria virus, giving Badde ultimate power.

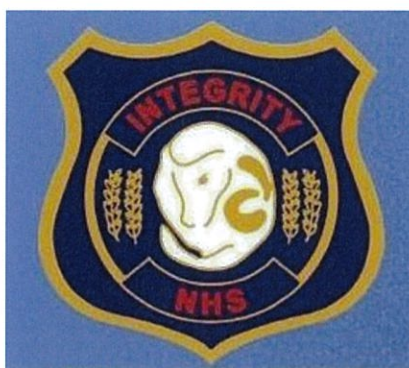
To complicate Blake's job, he has a new partner, a cyborg named Nicki Steel, and his daughter is being held hostage by Badde. In a humorous look at a future world, Nicki and Blake make an odd team, but it will take both of them, and a little help from Blake's ex-wife, Astrid, to discover Badde's true plan and save the world.



Don't leave it till the last minute, come to the library during recess or lunch and grab yourself a great read!



The Book Chook (Miss Booth)



NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Presents

THE HAPPINESS MISSION – A school to work initiative...

Adult Health and Happiness Workshop with COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Thursday 1st September

6:00PM - 7:30PM (SUPPER SERVED AFTER WORKSHOP)

Come as The Happiness Mission share the secret to a happy and healthy household and be taught to cook by FINALISTS of My Kitchen Rules Australia!!!

“Positive girls - **Carly and Tresne**, won the hearts of Australians on “My Kitchen Rules”, 2014. With their resilient natures, positive attitudes and down to earth personalities, they became an inspiration to many Australians. They’re now in high demand to MC events, guest appear and show off their culinary skills throughout Australia”

MUST RSVP BY: WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST TO NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL (68321004)



the
Happiness
Mission



positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free one day workshop for parents and carers

Workshop: 16-17NSWPC8

Location: Dubbo NSW

Like all school-aged students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships use evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

This workshop is suitable for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carer workshop intends to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your child
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers

Workshop details

Venue: Dubbo RSL
Corner Brisbane Street & Wingewarra Street
Dubbo NSW 2830

When: One day workshop – Tuesday 13 September 2016
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Online registrations open on Tuesday 2 August 2016 and close two days prior to the workshop.

If you have an email address and access to a computer please register directly through our secure website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

You will receive a confirmation email of your registration.

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au.

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